

House Resolution No. 367

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State teachers who have developed and maintained outstanding reputations for the excellence of their educational pursuits; and

Whereas, Karla Nordland of Kansas City has attained considerable distinction as an art teacher at Blackburn Elementary School; and

Whereas, Karla Nordland enhanced her already impressive record of achievements when she was publicly recognized on Wednesday, January 28, 2004, in the Capitol Rotunda by the Missouri NBPTS Network for her National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, Karla Nordland is the wife of Andy Nordland and a member of the National Art Education Association; and

Whereas, to attain National Board Certification, Karla Nordland presented evidence of her teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices which result in an accompanying increase in student learning; models of meaningful interaction with parents to impact student learning; documents supporting such appropriate teaching strategies as large and small group learning, use of effective questioning techniques, choice of materials that engage students, checking for understanding throughout the lesson and making adjustments, and properly evaluating student work for understanding to determine what and how to reteach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

Whereas, part of the evaluative process which Karla Nordland underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the educational accomplishments garnered by teacher Karla Nordland down through the years and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon her completion of National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and our best wishes for continued success as a respected employee of Blackburn Elementary School; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Karla Nordland.

Offered by _____
Representative Gary Dusenberg
District No. 54

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 367, adopted February 3, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker